(c) whether there is a separate wing to monitor and take steps against such interactions and future plans about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Medical students are taught the possible adverse interactions that may occur amongst certain types of drugs and not to prescribe them together Government insists such interactions to be given as cautionary measure in the package insert and other promotional literature of drugs.

(b) The types of drug interactions that could be fatal are:—

(i) When they interact to increase or diminish the intended effect of one or both of the drugs.

(ii) Interact in a manner to cause a new and unexpected reaction.

(iii) Interact in a manner to cause additive toxicity of each drug

(c) The Government has given a proposal in the 7th Five Year Plan to monitor adverse reaction to drugs at a national level At present there is no separate cell A plan for establishment of Adverse Monitoring Cell has been prepared and as and when financial concurrence is given the plan will be put into operation

Drugs Needed under the National Health Programme

3515. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state·

(a) whether it is a fact that Mental Health Programme and Diabeties Control Programme, STD Control Programme, Child and Meternal Health Programme and Immunisation Programme are covered under National Health Programme; and

(b) if so, the reasons for non-identification of drugs for these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Mental Health Programme and Diabetes Control Programme have not been included in the National Health Programme which, however, cover the STD Control Programme, Mother and Child Health and the Universal Programme on Immunisation. Drugs identified for these three programme are as follows:

(i) STD Control Programme: Drugs for STD are antibiotics which are also used for other infactions.

(ii) National Family Welfare Programme including Mother and Child Health:

Drugs for Mother and Child Health are Folic Acid and Ferrous Sulphate which are used for a variety of conditions.

(iii) Universal Programme on Immunisation: For EPI Programme, DPI, DT, TT, BCG, Polio, Typhoid and Measles vaccines are used

Price Control of the Drugs required for the Trachoma Treatment

3516 SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1113 given in the Raiya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state·

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not included Oxytetracycline, Chloramphenicol, Gentamycin, Neomycin Framycetin for price control order under category I: and

(b) if so, the reasons for not including these drugs in the above category for its price control when these are used to control Trachoma?